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PROGRESS REPORT

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2023 was certainly an exciting year for us! As of April 1st, Habitat for Humanity Saint John, Fredericton Area and Moncton officially amalgamated to become **Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick (Habitat NB)**. As a stronger, more sustainable organization, Habitat NB is committed to increasing its impact for affordable housing in New Brunswick, building more homes and helping many more families achieve affordable homeownership.

"When I applied, I did so in hopes of giving my daughter a place she could call home, a safe place for her to be a kid. I wanted to show her that, even as a single parent, working hard can and will pay off in some form. I want to thank Habitat and all who volunteered for this project. Thank you for helping give people a forever home"

- Amanda, Habitat partner family

Habitat makes affordable homeownership accessible by removing barriers that make owning a home impossible for many lower income working families. The Habitat mortgage model is based on no-down payment, low interest, and payments geared to income. This makes homeownership much more affordable and attainable for families who would not qualify for a traditional bank mortgage. It is important to note that Habitat provides families with a "hand-up", rather than a "hand-out". Habitat partner families purchase our affordably built homes at market value through our mortgage model and are required to contribute at least 500 volunteer hours to Habitat and/or their community

Thanks to generous community support, **85 families** across the province will be spending the holidays in their warm, safe, affordable Habitat for Humanity home.

"As a single mother who has struggled finding affordable housing in this area, struggled to maintain a house we were living in with numerous issues (water, electrical, structural) as well as extremely high power bills, we will be forever grateful and thankful for this life changing opportunity." - Erica, Habitat partner family

For more information on the vital work of Habitat NB, please visit:

<https://habitatnb.ca/>

When you support Habitat for Humanity, you build more than houses. You build homes and hope, strength, and stability - and a family's confidence in their future.

Thank you to all who kindly supported our efforts this year!



These families have all moved into their new Habitat homes within the past year. **THANK YOU** to all who made this possible. Your support makes an incredible difference in the lives of families in your community. Together, we can open the door to possibilities and provide families with warmth, safety and security for a lifetime.

We are opening the doors to a brand new store!

We will be kicking off the new year in Saint John in our beautiful new ReStore! Our great new space is located at **171**



McAllister Drive - directly beside Cineplex. This location is more accessible and central to Saint John's main shopping district.

Doors open on January 2nd. We will have an amazing selection of inventory available and incredible savings throughout the store. We look forward to seeing you soon!



New Brunswick ReStore Locations:
101-800 St. Mary's Street, Fredericton, NB
950 Mountain Road, Moncton NB
171 McAllister Drive, Saint John NB

HOMES CURRENTLY ON THE GO FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 2024

Moncton Bungalow - Churchill Street

Saint John -
 2 Accessible bungalows

Miramichi Duplex-
 Water Street

Fredericton Duplex -
 Albert Street



For application information, please visit:
<https://habitatnb.ca/apply-for-homeownership>

Current projects "on-the-go" include construction of a duplex on Albert Street in Fredericton; a modular built duplex on Water Street in Miramichi; a three-bedroom modular built bungalow on Churchill Street in Moncton; and two accessible bungalows in Saint John.

Many more build projects are planned to begin by mid-2024. Watch for exciting announcements in coming months! We will share updates as plans are finalized.

Applications are now being accepted for all of these homes! Criteria and application information can be found at: <https://habitatnb.ca/apply-for-homeownership>.



Ginger Agency Charitable Award
 Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Business
 Excellence Awards

<https://habitatnb.ca/restore>

- New products arrive daily
- All items are discounted and **tax free**
- New and gently used appliances, home décor, furniture, lighting, cabinets, seasonal items and much more!
- All proceeds support Habitat for Humanity home builds in your community & throughout our province

Did you know?

Environmental sustainability is an important part of our ReStore operating model. Over the past thirty years, Habitat ReStores across Canada have diverted more than **950 MILLION pounds** of household items and building supplies from landfills!

Please consider donating your gently used furniture, appliances, home décor, cabinets, doors, fixtures, etc. to ReStore. **We gladly collect donated items - and even issue tax receipts!**

We have the perfect stocking stuffer! One size fits all!

Re-loadable gift cards are now available at our Habitat ReStores! Valid for use at any of our three NB locations.



Cards are available in any monetary

amount of your choosing. Simply visit your local area ReStore in Moncton, Fredericton or Saint John to pick yours up today.

We welcome your support!

- **Choose to give a monetary gift.** To easily donate online, please visit our Canada Helps page - <https://www.canadahelps.org/dn/7950>. Cheques may be directed to: 101-800 St. Mary's Street, Fredericton NB E3G 8S8. We also gladly accept e-transfers.
- **Volunteer during a Build** - Come out for the day to hammer, paint, etc.
- **Ask about our Team Build Days!** This is a wonderful team building opportunity tailored to work with your schedule and suit the needs of your group.

We were so incredibly honored to be the recipient of the Ginger Agency Charitable Award this year at the **Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards!**

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to do the work that we do in communities throughout our province. Thank you to all who support our efforts and make this possible.

Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick is driving home their mission with help from Nissan Canada

Nissan Canada has long been a national partner of Habitat for Humanity Canada. For



the past several years, Nissan Canada has extended this partnership by awarding one Habitat affiliate in Canada a substantial grant to assist with purchase of a new Nissan vehicle. We are thrilled to share that, this year, Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick was the grateful recipient!

With this grant, Habitat NB has been able to purchase a beautiful new Nissan Rogue that will greatly facilitate access to build sites and the day-to-day movement of Habitat teams across the province.

It is support such as this generosity from Nissan Canada that allows us to build a solid foundation for families in need of a safe, decent, affordable home. We sincerely thank you.

The NB Housing Strategy: Housing for All was officially released in June. The strategy focuses upon preventing



residents from becoming unhoused and identifies \$500 million over three years in new and previously committed funding by the provincial

- **Support the Habitat ReStore! Shop:** New product arrives daily. **Donate:** We issue tax receipts for donated items. Or **volunteer:** Volunteers are always needed for a variety of duties.
- **Please also consider "Gifts-in-Kind"** of building products, gifts of securities (e.g. shares, bonds, mutual funds) as an alternative to cash, land donations or a gift in a will. Please contact our office if you would like to discuss any of these giving options. Charitable tax receipts will gladly be issued for such gifts. Phone: (506) 474-1520; Email: info@habitatnb.ca

government and its strategic partners such as Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick.

For Habitat NB, this program provides a capital investment of \$70,000 per unit. This generous support will allow us to increase the number of families that we are able to serve annually. We are so thankful for this support and are proud to be partnering with the provincial government on this exciting initiative that will allow more families much needed access to affordable homeownership.

For more information, please visit:
<https://habitatnb.ca/news-and-events>



Under a new partnership agreement, Carpenters Local 1386 is providing the labour to assist with construction of new homes in New Brunswick! The Carpenters Millwright College in Saint John has began constructing walls for Habitat for Humanity homes offsite and then delivering them to the build sites once complete. This will greatly expedite our build process.

We are so thankful for this incredible support and are excited to be working with these fantastic folks. It is support such as this that allows us to build homes - and hope - for families in need of safe, affordable housing.

This beautiful house is nearing completion in Edmundston - and will be home to an incredible family this holiday season!

THANK YOU CCNB!



We are proud to note that this is the 7th home in the Edmundston area that has been constructed in partnership with CCNB - Edmundston. We are always so incredibly impressed with the passion and talent of these students, and are so appreciative of the ongoing dedication and commitment of the CCNB instructors.



Thank you, Habitat volunteers!

We send a HUGE "Thank You!" to each and every one of our amazing volunteers who kindly joined our efforts this year! Every hand helps a family in need. You are truly the heart of Habitat.

ATTENTION: PARENTS & TEACHERS!

The **#MeaningofHome** writing contest, in support of Habitat for Humanity, is back!

Beginning on January 8th, we're once again asking students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 what home means to them for the chance to win a \$30,000 grant for Habitat for Humanity New Brunswick.

That's not all! For every submission, \$10 will be donated to Habitat AND there are amazing prizes to be won (including an iPad and pizza party for the winning entry)! For more information, please visit: meaningofhome.ca.

We thank the **City of Fredericton, City of Miramichi** and **Municipality of Grand Lake** for their donations of land to Habitat NB. Acquisition of suitable land is always an important first step to construction of Habitat for Humanity homes and is often one of the significant challenges faced. It is wonderful to work with communities who are committed to supporting efforts to improve living situations for families in need of affordable, suitable housing.

